

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A software-based electronic data discovery tool which accesses multiple electronic archives; copies files and their meta-data into a common repository; vertically de-duplicates and tags the files; horizontally de-duplicates and tags the files; filters and tags the files against a one or more sets of predetermined compliance and privileged criteria identified by one or more parties associated with a specific electronic data discovery procedure; profiles and tags select results; and produces a variety of reports and excerpts. Production is at least one of printing on paper, transferring to magnetic media, or other processes. Files that are selected for profiling and production are then rendered in TIFF or another related format and stored in a common file. All files are identified with a digital “finger print” and complete chain-of-custody information.

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